



Many Nations | Chester County

Coming to America: 2018 Genealogical Research Series

All programs at Chester County Historical Society,
225 N. High Street, West Chester, PA 19380, 610-692-4800
Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.

May 5 *Coming to America: Exploring Naturalization and Immigration Records*

We are a country of immigrants— almost everyone’s family migrated to this country. As a result, it is necessary to understand immigration and naturalization laws and processes in order to find your family in the records. We will discuss passenger lists and how they changed over the years, and explore websites that can help you discover the routes your family traveled to come to this country.

Lecture Titles:

1. Finding Your Way Through Immigration and Naturalization Records, part 1
2. Finding Your Way Through Immigration and Naturalization Records, part 2

May 12 *Coming to America: German Immigrants, Pennsylvania Germans, and their Records*

The 18th century “Pennsylvania Germans” were a different breed than the “German Americans” who immigrated in the 1800s. We will discuss the differences in geography, economic class, religion, and aspirations of – as well as sources about – the two great waves of German immigrants. We will also review the “basics” of German genealogy and demonstrate the peculiarities of searching for records relating to America’s first large ethnic minority population.

Lecture Titles:

1. German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources
2. Searching for a Pennsylvania German Ancestor

May 19 *Coming to America: Irish Records and Research Strategies*

The number of Irish records available to family researchers has exploded in recent years. The Irish government and Catholic Church are offering unprecedented access to many 19th century records, which can serve as substitutes for documents lost in the 1922 Public Records Office fire in 1922. Explore the latest record collections, learn the research methods necessary to expand your Irish family tree in the U.S., and follow along as we demonstrate finding family in Ireland through a case study of a Chester County immigrant from County Donegal.

Lecture Titles

1. Genealogical Resources for Researching Irish Immigrants
2. Finding Records for the Irish Immigrant: A Chester County Case Study

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Register at 610-692-4800, email this form to rsvp@chestercohistorical.org, or mail this form to Chester County Historical Society RSVP / 225 N. High St. / West Chester, PA 19380.

Admission per program:

CCHS members \$20

Non-members \$30

Students with ID \$10

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Workshop Registration

May 5 Exploring Naturalization and Immigration Records \$ _____

May 12 German Immigrants, Pennsylvania Germans, and their Records \$ _____

May 19 Irish Records and Research Strategies \$ _____

Workshop Subtotal \$ _____

If you are not a member, would you like to join CCHS?

Individual \$45

Individual Senior (65+) \$40

Student with ID \$25

Family \$60

Family Senior (65+) \$55

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